

Presidents of Stakes and their counselors and high councilors from the various Stakes.

Patriarchs, Bishops of Wards and their counselors, and high priests, seventies and elders from all parts of the Church.

Members of the Church Board of Education, and General, Stake, and Ward officers of the auxiliary organizations.

Mission Presidents: Don B. Colton, Eastern States; Bryant S. Hinckley, Northern States; Wilford W. Richards, North Central States; Elias S. Woodruff, Central States; James M. Kirkham, East Central States; LeGrand Richards, Southern States; James M. Peterson, Texas; Joseph J. Daynes, Western States; Nicholas G. Smith, California; Joseph Quinney, Jr., Northwestern States; Abel S. Rich, Canada; Harold W. Pratt, Mexico; Joseph S. Peery, Temple Block, Salt Lake City, Utah.

FIRST DAY

MORNING MEETING

The opening session of the Conference commenced promptly at 10:00 o'clock, Saturday morning, April 5.

Practically every seat in the large tabernacle auditorium and galleries was occupied as the time arrived for opening the meeting.

The Hyrum Stake Choir of more than 300 voices, under the leadership of W. H. Terry, furnished the music for this session.

As an opening number, the Choir and congregation sang the hymn, "High on the Mountain Top."

Elder Willard L. Jones, President of the Moapa Stake, offered the opening prayer.

"The Sweet Story of Old" (Parks), was sung by the Hyrum Stake Choir.

PRESIDENT DAVID O. McKAY

Second Counselor in the First Presidency

Read the financial and statistical report of the Church, as follows:

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

The expenditures by the Church for the year 1935:

Stake and Ward Purposes:

There has been returned from the tithes to the stakes and wards for the construction of ward and stake meeting houses	\$ 317,386.04
For ward maintenance expenses.....	741,196.79
For stake maintenance expenses.....	229,355.60
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	\$1,287,938.43

Education:

Expended for the maintenance of Church school system.....\$ 632,128.59

Temples:

Expended for the maintenance and operation of temples....\$ 268,857.59

Charities:

For the care of the worthy poor and other charitable purposes, including hospital treatment.....\$ 183,809.71

Missionary Work:

For the maintenance and operation of all the missions, and for the erection of places of worship and other buildings in the missions.....\$ 712,027.52

Total\$3,084,761.84

which has been taken from the tithes and other Church funds and returned by the Trustee-in-Trust to the saints for the maintenance and operation of the stakes and wards, for the maintenance and operation of Church schools and temples, for charities and mission activities.

Other Charities:

In addition to charities paid from the tithes as before named, there has also been disbursed the fast offerings, other charities and assistance rendered by the Relief Society in the sum of \$402,938.94, which amount, added to the \$183,809.71 paid from the tithes, makes the total charity assistance rendered by the Church.....\$ 586,748.65

Expended for the maintenance of Missionaries:

There has been collected by the various wards of the Church and paid to missionaries to assist in their maintenance\$ 82,967.50

Average cost per missionary in the missions during the year 1935, \$29.02 per month, or a total of \$348.24 per year per missionary. There was an average of 1439 missionaries in the various missions during 1935, making a total average expense for the year, (348.24×1439) ..\$ 501,117.36

Estimated average earnings per missionary, \$900.00 per year \times 1439, average number of missionaries, makes an estimated total of what these missionaries might have earned if at home of.....\$1,295,100.00

making a total estimated contribution of missionaries and their families to the Church for the preaching of the Gospel.....\$1,879,184.86

STATISTICS AND OTHER DATA COMPILED FROM THE ANNUAL REPORTS
FOR THE YEAR 1935

There were on December 31, 1935: 115 Stakes of Zion; 977 Wards; 87 Independent Branches; 38 Dependent Branches, or a total of 1,102

GENERAL CONFERENCE

wards and branches in the stakes of Zion; also, 32 missions (including the European Mission), 900 mission branches, and 209 districts.

CHURCH MEMBERSHIP

Stakes	595,071
Missions.....	151,313
Total	746,384

CHURCH GROWTH

Children blessed and entered on the records of the Church in the stakes and missions	20,973
Children baptized in the stakes and missions.....	14,249
Converts baptized in the stakes and missions.....	7,535
Number of long-term missionaries from Zion, Dec. 31, 1935.....	1,682
Number of short-term missionaries from Zion, Dec. 31, 1935.....	29
Number of local missionaries.....	64
Total number of missionaries on foreign missions.....	1,775
Number engaged in missionary work in the stakes.....	1,557
Total Missionaries	3,332
Number of missionaries who received training at the Missionary Home	871
Persons recommended to the temples from the stakes.....	76,519

SOCIAL STATISTICS

Birth rate, 27.9 per thousand
 Marriage rate, 16 per thousand
 Death rate, 7.3 per thousand
 Families owning their own homes, 59.7%

CHANGES IN CHURCH OFFICERS, STAKE, WARD AND BRANCH ORGANIZATIONS SINCE LAST OCTOBER CONFERENCE

New Mission Presidents Appointed:

Wallace F. Toronto appointed President of the Czechoslovak Mission to succeed Arthur Gaeth.

Octave F. Ursenbach appointed President of the French Mission to succeed Daniel J. Lang.

Bryant S. Hinckley appointed President of the Northern States Mission to succeed George S. Romney (Deceased).

William M. Waddoups appointed President of the Samoan Mission to succeed William G. Sears.

Emil Dunn appointed President of the Tongan Mission to succeed Reuben M. Wiberg.

(Castle H. Murphy has been released as President of the Hawaiian Mission but no one has been appointed to succeed him.)

New Stake Organized:

Bonneville Stake created by the division of Liberty Stake. The new stake is composed of the Thirty-third, Emigration, LeGrand, Yale and Yalecrest Wards; leaving the First, Second, Third, Eighth, Ninth, Tenth, Thirty-first, Liberty and Harvard Wards in the Liberty Stake.

New Stake Presidents Appointed:

Joseph L. Wirthlin appointed President of the Bonneville Stake.

George E. Jorgensen appointed President of the Carbon Stake to succeed Arthur W. Horsley.

Milton Twitchell appointed President of the Garfield Stake to succeed Thomas A. King.

J. Percy Goddard succeeded Bryant S. Hinckley as President of the Liberty Stake.

James L. Hatch appointed President of the Panguitch Stake to succeed William J. Henderson.

Horace A. Hess appointed President of the Yellowstone Stake to succeed John M. White.

New Wards Organized:

Ontario Ward, Boise Stake, formerly an independent branch.

Yalecrest Ward, Bonneville Stake, created by the division of the Yale Ward..

Edgehill Ward, Highland Stake, formerly part of the Wasatch Ward.

Harvard Ward, Liberty Stake, formerly a part of the Liberty Ward.

Young Ward, Logan Stake, created by the division of the College Ward.

Phoenix Third Ward, Maricopa Stake, organized from Phoenix First and Second Wards.

Cokeville Ward, Montpelier Stake, was an independent branch.

Palisade Ward, Rigby Stake, formerly an independent branch.

Park City Ward, South Summit Stake, was divided into the First and Second Wards.

Echo Ward, Summit Stake, formerly an independent branch.

Ogden Twenty-second Ward, Weber Stake, created by the division of the Ogden First Ward.

The Church has borrowed no money, it has mortgaged none of its property, it has sold none of its property. The First Presidency has no intention of doing any of these things, for there is no call or necessity therefor. All rumors and reports to the contrary are wholly untrue.

perfectly willing to take him that distance, and upon reaching his destination, the minister offered the elder ten dollars for what he had done in his home, but he refused to accept the money, explaining the instruction of the Master to the Twelve when he sent them forth: "Freely ye have received, freely give."

I thank my Heavenly Father for the privilege of laboring with the fine missionaries who have been sent out to "recover the remnant of his people" and "hunt them from every mountain, and from every hill, and out of the holes of the rocks," and for the marvelous manner in which he is opening the hearts of the children of men to receive their testimonies.

God bless this people, this Church and our leaders and our missionaries, I pray, in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

PRESIDENT HEBER J. GRANT

AUDITING COMMITTEE'S REPORT

"Salt Lake City, Utah, March 31, 1936.

President Heber J. Grant,

Dear President:

We have examined the Financial Report of the Church for the year 1935, which also includes the Presiding Bishop's department.

The Church is free from indebtedness, its financial condition is sound, the accounting is modern and complete. We heartily commend the careful management of Church finances by the First Presidency and the General Authorities of the Church.

Respectfully submitted,

O. W. Adams,

John W. Hart,

John F. Bennett,

Auditing Committee."

EXPRESSES APPRECIATION OF SINGING

I am very pleased indeed to express my deep appreciation of the beautiful singing that we have had by the Relief Society Singing Mothers, the Hyrum Stake Choir, and the Tabernacle Choir. I rejoice in the splendid work of Brother Frank Asper, of Brother J. Spencer Cornwall, and of all who have helped make this conference so interesting to those who have attended.

AN INSPIRATIONAL CONFERENCE

Considering that it is a week day, I feel that we have a very wonderful and splendid audience here this afternoon. I do not need to say to you people who have attended the conference that to me it has been a red-letter day in the history of the Church.

I believe that we have had greater opportunity to carry our message